

Additional comments:

I see no reason for this method of gaining number-multiple. On a land-line, why should anyone have to dial a 10 (more about 10 digit numbers later !) or 11 digit number to phone the person down the road on the same telephone exchange ?

If the local exchange number-range allocation was managed sensibly, as it was when BT and C&W and OLO's did it amongst themselves, closing "local dialling" would not be needed. If one looks at the many providers listed elsewhere on this site, they have all got part-number ranges allocated to them that do not seem to have been thought about. Some of these I have never heard-of. Some that are allocated in my area (Camberley 01276) I have never seen in any directory, advert or heard about.

On the subject of Camberley 01276, it has a mixed 5 & 6 digit linked-number scheme. It is shewn as being a "conservation" code. Camberley-main exchange became System-X in mid 1989. No attempt was made to make the numbering scheme uniform at that time or anytime since ! WHY NOT ?

In an adjacent area, Aldershot 01252, also had a mixed 5 & 6 digit scheme. The main exchange became mainly System-Y (AXE-10) about the same time as Camberley. However, within a short while the whole LNS became 6 digit, old Aldershot 5 digit numbers being prefixed by "3"... Sensible !

Some of the satellites of Camberley were 5 digit but were made 6 digit within a couple of years after 1989. If the Camberley LNS were now all 6 digit numbers, there would be no-shortage of numbers in that LNS. The same must stand for many of the remaining mixed 5 & 6 digit numbering schemes left in the country. More sensible allocation to the many tiny "ten-minute-wonder" providers is required.

Question 1: Do you agree with our proposals that local dialling should be closed in the Five Area Codes - Aberdeen (01224), Bradford (01274), Brighton (01273), Middlesbrough (01642) and Milton Keynes (01908) - on 1 October 2014?:

No, I do not agree and cannot see the point. See my additional comments.

Question 2: Are you aware of any local or national events that may dilute consumer awareness communications/any other factors suggesting that 1 October 2014 is an unsuitable date/time of year to introduce the proposed changes to local dialling?:

I do not know of anything that would dilute consumer awareness in the event of this proposal going ahead.

Question 3: Do you have any comments on the proposed modifications to the Numbering Plan set out at Annex 4 and/or on our view as to how the proposed modification meets the relevant legal tests in section 60(2) of the Act?:

Nothing to say at this moment.